



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 19, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Russell, Chair  
Councillor Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair  
Councillor Hendsbee  
Councillor Purdy  
Councillor Morse  
Councillor Cleary  
Mayor Savage

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF:** Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m., and adjourned at 11:12 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 15, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Deagle Gammon requested that Item 10.3.1 be considered following Item 12.2.2.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence - None**

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentations**

**10.3.1 Sheet Harbour Marina Association**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated January 5, 2022
- Presentation dated January 19, 2022
- Handout dated January 11, 2022

Marilyn Munroe, President, Sheet Harbour Marina Association, and Sandy Moser, Vice President, Sheet Harbour Marina Association, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Moser asked the Standing Committee to consider a funding request of \$1.1 million in support of the project, and to consider applying for federal funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee direct the CAO to prepare a staff report regarding infrastructure funding in respect of the Sheet Harbour Marina Association request for funding, and refer the matter to Regional Council for consideration.**

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 AUDITOR GENERAL – NONE**

**12.2 STAFF**

**12.2.1 Funding Request – Art Gallery of Nova Scotia**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 2, 2021

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- (1) Include the requested funding from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia as part of the 2022-2023 budget planning process for consideration during the Budget Adjustment List (BAL) debate with a recommended contribution to be phased over five years as follows:
  - a. \$600,000 in fiscal 2022/2023 budget;
  - b. \$600,000 in fiscal 2023/2024 budget;
  - c. \$600,000 in fiscal 2024/2025 budget;
  - d. \$600,000 in fiscal 2025/2026 budget;
  - e. \$600,000 in fiscal 2026/2027 budget; and**
- (2) Negotiate and execute a contribution agreement with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, for the provision of a multi-year, phased-payment of up to a total of \$3,000,000, and such contribution agreement is to be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Table 5 of this report.**

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events, and Maggie MacDonald, Manager, Regional Recreational services responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding timelines for construction, payment, and environmental considerations.

Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer, and John Traves, Municipal Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding budget allocation, potential impact on tax rates, and the Municipal Grants Act.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (6 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Chair Russell, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Cleary

Against: Councillor Morse

**12.2.2 Investment Activities – Quarter Ending September 30, 2021**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 6, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Audit & Finance Standing Committee forward this report to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 15, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 15, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 17, 2022**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Annie Sherry  
Legislative Assistant